

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study relating to the production and use of energy in the State. (BDR R-1235)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study relating to the production and use of energy in the State.

WHEREAS, Energy, in terms of electric power production, heating and transportation, is fundamental to every aspect of Nevada's economy and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Power demands continue to grow as Nevada's population and business infrastructure grow, and although growth in the State, along with the nation, has temporarily slowed, historically, national and local economies rebound robustly from such periods; and

WHEREAS, Energy projects can stimulate Nevada's economic growth and have particular application in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, While an estimated \$11 billion per year is spent on energy and transportation fuel, a great deal of this is spent outside of this State, and studies estimate that for every such dollar retained within the State, there is a six-fold multiplier effect in the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, More efficient utilization of energy frees public and private funds for use in other areas such as education, infrastructure, public health and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Energy production and consumption profoundly affect the environment, including air quality and water supplies, as well as public health; and



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1 WHEREAS, Nevada Legislators who have extensive energy
2 experience will begin to term-limit after this Session, so there is a
3 need to educate additional Legislators before those with the most
4 expertise are gone; and

5 WHEREAS, There has not been a legislative energy study since
6 1997-1998, yet energy technologies, needs and issues have changed
7 significantly in the last decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Nevada is poised to build thousands of megawatts of
9 electrical generation plants which will serve as the backbone of the
10 State's power sector for decades, and the useful life of such plants is
11 approximately 40 years, so decisions made now will determine the
12 course of energy policy for nearly the next half-century; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
15 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is
16 hereby directed to appoint a committee, composed of three members
17 of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, to conduct an
18 interim study concerning energy production and use in the State;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:

21 1. A review of the statutes and regulations of this State relating
22 to energy production, use and transmission, energy efficiency,
23 including energy efficiency in public buildings, the use and
24 availability of transportation fuels and facilities, including
25 alternative fuels, and motor vehicle electrification;

26 2. A review of the extent of biofuel production in Nevada and
27 prospects for increasing production at existing facilities and
28 introducing new types of such fuels, including biodiesel, ethanol
29 from nonfood sources, algae-based fuel and other emerging fuel
30 technologies;

31 3. A review of existing state energy and energy efficiency
32 programs and their implementation and effectiveness, with periodic
33 progress reports from the agencies and entities charged with
34 implementation of these programs;

35 4. A review of new energy and energy efficiency programs
36 enacted during the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature and their
37 implementation and effectiveness, with periodic progress reports
38 from the agencies and entities charged with implementation of these
39 new programs;

40 5. Receipt of continued input from interested parties and the
41 public on ways existing and new programs can be further improved;

42 6. Solicitation of recommendations for additional new
43 programs for future legislative consideration and potential
44 enactment;



1 7. A review of existing and emerging green technologies,
2 including smart grid technology, and their suitability for deployment
3 in Nevada, including consideration of obstacles to deployment and
4 methods to eliminate or minimize those obstacles; and

5 8. A review of efforts to attract more green industries and jobs
6 to Nevada and exploration of ways to expand existing green
7 businesses and jobs in Nevada; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
9 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
10 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to
11 the committee; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
13 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
14 legislation to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

